

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph on page 4, beginning on line 26, as follows:

A first advantage of the present communication system is that wireless communication service is provided to users on an as requested basis. A second advantage of the present communication system is that wireless service is provided to users who do not require permanent wireless service. For example, a user may purchase a new wireless call device and use the temporary wireless service and their old wireless call device for unanticipated, sporadic, or emergency communications. In another example, a user may wish to provide a wireless call device to guests, business associates, customers, or other individuals for a temporary period of time. A third advantage of the present communication system is that operator assistance is not required to register and collect billing information before connecting a call to a called number. A fourth advantage of the present communication system is that it permits recycling of the temporary wireless numbers for use by other wireless call devices as the numbers are released back into the pool of temporary wireless numbers. A fifth advantage of the present communication system is the temporary telephone number assignment is in response to receiving a registration request from the wireless call device without an associated wireless telephone number.

Please amend the paragraph on page 11, beginning on line 28, as follows:

FIG. 4 is a message sequence chart illustrating an example of a call to the call device 104 from the wireless call device 100 after a temporary wireless number is assigned to the wireless call device 100. The example of FIG. 4 also illustrates call connection using the SCP 101 to generate the call handling information for the call. On FIG. 4 the operation begins when the user of the wireless call device 100 turns on the wireless call device 100. In response to being switched on the wireless call device 100 registers with the switching system 103 in a conventional manner. The user then dials a telephone number for the call device 104. In response to the call placement, the wireless call device 100 generates a call request for the switching system 103. In response to receiving the call request ~~from~~ from the wireless call device 100, the switching system 103 processes the call request to generate a query message for the SCP 101 that includes a request for call handling information for the call request. In response to receiving the query message, the SCP 101 processes the query message to validate the wireless call device 100. The validation process could be any process representative of identifying the wireless call device 100 and determining that the wireless call device 100 does or does not have a permanent wireless telephone number. The validation process could also include a determination that the wireless call device 100 is a subscriber to the temporary wireless number service.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, beginning on line 5, as follows:

On FIG. 5 the operation begins when the user of the wireless call device 100 places a call to a service telephone number. The service telephone number could be any number that routes the call to the communication resource 108 to provide service options for the user of the wireless call device 100. In response to the call placement, the wireless call device 100 generates a call request for the switching system 103. In response to receiving the call request from the wireless call device 100, the switching system 103 processes the call request to generate a query message for the SCP 101 that includes a request for call handling information for the call request. In response to receiving the query message, the SCP 101 processes the query message to generate the call handling information for the switching system 103 and provides a response message that includes the call handling information to the switching system 103. The call handling information includes a connect to resource instruction to route the call request to the communication resource 108. The SCP 101 also sends a context message to the communication resource 108 that includes context information for the call request. The context information could include the assigned temporary wireless telephone number. The context information could also include billing information such as time used and current account charges. The context information could also include an expiration date for the temporary wireless telephone number.

Please amend the paragraph on page 13, beginning on line 21, as follows:

In response to receiving the response message, the switching system 103 ~~process~~ processes the call handling information to connect the call to the communication resource 108. In response to receiving the call and the context information, the communication resource 108 provides a voice menu for the user of the wireless call device 100 to select from. The menu could include various options for the user of the wireless call device 100. For example, the menu could include an option for releasing the temporary wireless telephone number. The menu could include an option for obtaining the current billing information for the temporary wireless telephone number. In the case where the temporary wireless telephone number is scheduled to automatically release after expiration of the pre-determined period of time, the menu could include an option for extending usage of the temporary wireless telephone number for another pre-determined period of time. The menu could also include an option for extending the usage of the temporary wireless telephone number for an indefinite period of time.